

Unsettled Weather;
Rain Tonight.

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RETIREMENT FORUM BY SPECIAL WRITERS BEGINS TOMORROW

Michael F. O'Donoghue
Gives First Article on
Straight Pension.

EXPECTS TO AIR CLERKS' SITUATION

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, Herbert D.
Brown, and Miss Ethel
Smith to Write.

Experts and Dates for Arti- cles on Retirement

First of six articles dealing with
retirement plans to appear in
The Times tomorrow, the writers
to be:

For Straight Pension—Michael F.
O'Donoghue, president of the
United States Civil Service Re-
tirement Association.

Against Straight Pension—Dr.
Llewellyn Jordan, one of the
founders of the Civil Service Re-
tirement Association.

For Contributory Retirement—Her-
bert D. Brown, author of the Gil-
lett bill now pending in Congress.

Against Contributory Retirement—
Miss Ethel Marion Smith, an em-
ployee in the Bureau of Fisheries.

For and Against Compromise Plan—
Not yet selected.

First of a series of six articles for
and against the plans for the re-
tirement of supernumerary Govern-
ment employees will appear in The Times tomor-
row.

President Michael F. O'Donoghue,
of the wing of the United States Civil
Service Retirement Association favoring
the straight pension plan, will write
the article against the straight pension
plan, which will appear in The Times to-
morrow. He will present
arguments in support of the outright
pension idea, with special reference to
the Golden Bill, which has been in-
dorsed by the one branch of the retirement
association.

Every phase of the Golden Bill will
be discussed by President O'Donoghue.
He has made a deep study of the measure,
and believes that it embodies prin-
ciples that will meet the needs of the
employees, and at the same time be just
and equitable.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, secretary of the
other branch of the retirement associa-
tion—the one supporting the compulsory
contributory retirement plan—will write
the article against the straight pension
form of retirement, which will appear in
The Times on Wednesday. He was
one of the founders of the retirement
association, and has thoroughly in-
vestigated the subject, being one of the
best-informed employees on the question in
the Government service.

The argument in favor of the com-
pulsory contributory plan of retirement,
which will be printed Thursday, will be
prepared by Herbert D. Brown, who
drafted the greater part of the Gillett
bill, and has a mass of data and sta-
tistics dealing with the subject. In the
course of his investigations he has
studied the form of retirement in vogue
in foreign countries, and no doubt will
have a full and comprehensive article,
and one that everybody concerned
should read.

One by Miss Smith.
Miss Ethel Marion Smith, an employ-
ee of the Bureau of Fisheries, will write
the article against the contributory re-
tirement plan. It will be printed Friday,
and will be full of interest, as reflecting
the views of a woman employee and
one who opposes the guardianship of
Uncle Sam.

The two articles for and against the
"compromise plan," the scheme whereby
the employees and Government each pay
one-half of the pension fund, will ap-
pear on Tuesday.

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WEATHER REPORT

The indications are that there will be
snow tonight and Tuesday in the Great
Lake region, northern New York, and
northern New England, and light rain
or snow this afternoon or tonight, fol-
lowed by fair weather Tuesday in
southern New England, the Middle At-
lantic States, and the upper Ohio val-
ley.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Unsettled weather with light rain late
this afternoon or tonight; warmer to-
morrow; Tuesday probably fair with mod-
erate temperature; lowest temperature
tonight about 25 degrees; light to mod-
erate south to west winds.

TEMPERATURES.

3 a. m.	28
6 a. m.	29
9 a. m.	30
12 m.	31
3 p. m.	32
6 p. m.	33

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	7:15
Sun sets	4:45

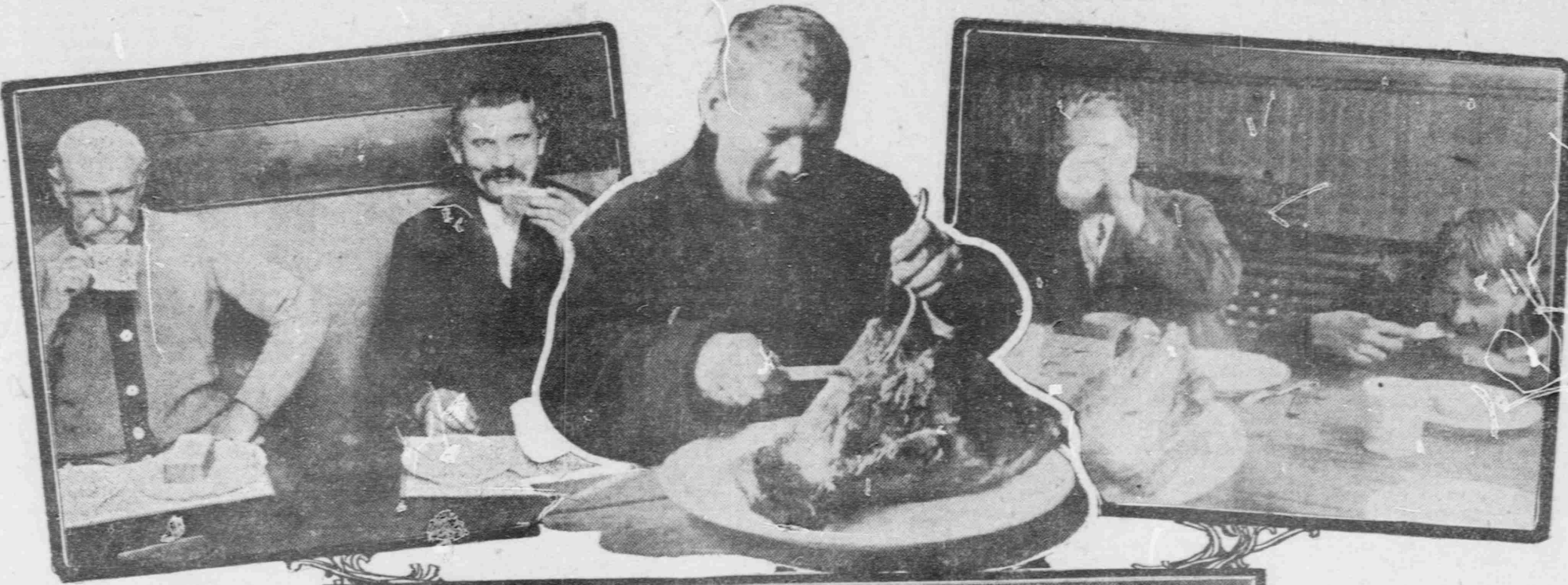
TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 4:15 a. m. and 4:23 p. m.	Low tide, 10:30 a. m. and 11:15 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 5:08 a. m. and 5:13 p. m.	Low tide, 11:20 a. m. and 11:55 p. m.

CONDITION OF RIVERS.

HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 26.—
Both rivers clear.

SOME OF THOSE WHO ENJOYED CHRISTMAS CHEER AT MISSIONS



CREW IS PRAISED FOR HEROIC RESCUE

Steamers Crash and One
Goes to Bottom—Six
Persons Drown.

FLUSHING, Holland, Dec. 26.—A su-
pericial examination of the Red Star
liner Finland, which sank the steamer
Scheidt last night with a loss of six
lives, today showed that the vessel prob-
ably would have been able to continue her voy-
age although seriously damaged.
"The fourteen persons rescued from the
Belgian steamer before she went to the bot-
tom were landed here today all praising
the work of the Finland's crew for their
heroic work in saving them from a watery grave.
The Balgigue was a small steamer
hailing from Antwerp and was built in
1882.

Finland a Hoodoo Ship.
"The Finland is certainly a hoodoo
ship," declared one of her passengers
today as he gave the details of the ac-
cident. "She went ashore four years
ago near the same spot where last
night's accident occurred. Three years
ago ran into the sea wall at Dover.
She afterward ran down and sank a
Greek liner off Terneuzen and narrowly
escaped catching fire when about to sail
from New York. I guess we were lucky
to escape death after that series of mis-
fortunes."
"The captain and crew, however, must
receive due credit for their work in last
night's accident."
"Had it not been for able seamanship
the disaster might have been much
worse."

Were Celebrating Christmas.

"The Finland was moving along at a
good clip in a heavy fog. She had
about 400 passengers aboard, and many
were making merry in a Christmas
celebration in the cabin when the dis-
aster occurred. The fog horn had been
going constantly, but as the Finland
approached the mouth of the Scheidt or
Escant, the Balgigue loomed directly
across her bows. The smaller steamer
was caught amidships, but hung on to
the bow of the Finland long enough for
several members of the crew to leap
aboard the larger vessel.
"Then she dropped away and the Fin-
land's boats were instantly ordered on
rescue. The Balgigue sank so quickly
that those who were below when the crash
came had no chance to escape. Those who
were rescued leaped overboard and were
picked up in the Finland's boats, the
crew of the Red Star liner risking their
lives in the vortex caused by the sink-
ing vessel.
"Those rescued were cared for by the
passengers and crew of the Finland."

WANT SINGER HERE FOR PASSING DRAFT

Man Arrested in New York
Defrauded Leopold Birkle,
It Is Said.

Ernest Singer, arrested in New York
at the request of the Baltimore author-
ities for passing an alleged worthless
draft for \$40, is wanted in this city on a
similar charge, it was learned today.
Representing himself as a captain in
the German army, Singer called on Leo-
pold Birkle, a liquor dealer at 522 Eighth
street southeast, last Tuesday, and in-
duced him to cash two drafts, one for
\$25 and the other for \$25 drawn on the
Knuhn International Banking House
of Wurtemberg, Germany.

Lang Gets Decision In Twelfth Round.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—"Bill" Lang, of
Australia, got the decision over "Jack"
Burris, of California, in the twelfth
round of their heavyweight battle here
this afternoon.

Lost on a Foul.

SYDNEY, New South Wales, Dec. 26.—
"Billy" Papke was beaten in his city to-
day in the tenth round of a bout with
"Dave" Smith, who is the Australian
middleweight champion. It was Papke's
fault that he lost. He fouled and the
referee decided against him at once.

BATTLE IN HAITI CALLS OUT SOLDIERS

Black Republic Faces Revo-
lution Which Has Ap-
parently Started.

SAN DOMINGO, Dec. 26.—Troops were
dispatched today to the Domingan-
Haitian frontier, following reports of a
battle in which a number are said to
have been killed.
Gen. Antenor Firmin is reported to
have raised the standard of revolt, and
it is believed the battle which was
fought occurred between his followers
and the loyal troops. Conditions in the
Black Republic are ripe for a revolution,
as finances are in a bad way and the
inhabitants of many of the islands are
poverty stricken.

EIGHTY LIVES SAVED BY ELEVATOR MAN

Trip After Trip in Burning
Apartment Made by
Operator.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Eighty men,
women, and children, living on the
upper floors of a Clinton street
apartment house, were saved from
death in an early morning fire today by
Matthew Hammersley, an elevator man,
who ran his car ten times through
smoke and flames, taking the panic-
stricken tenants safely to the street.
He was called out of bed by the
cries of a woman on the second
floor, who had discovered the blaze.
Smoke and flame then was shooting
up the narrow stairways. Ham-
mersley, scantily clothed, ran his car
to the roof, giving the alarm and
telling the frightened people to re-
main calm and wait for him.
Three floors were completely burn-
ed out before the fire was under con-
trol. Six firemen were overcome by
smoke.

Trainman Is Killed In New Jersey Wreck

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 26.—A fire-
man was instantly killed and an en-
gine badly scalded when an engine on
the West Shore railroad, running be-
tween here and Weehawken, N. J., took
the wrong switch today and crashed
into a bumper. The dead
DAVID GEROW, fireman, aged 28.
Seriously injured:
Bernetto Romk, engineer, aged 33.
The engine overturned, crushing
Gerow to death, and the escaping steam
terribly scalded the engineer.

Death in Mistletoe.

BLYTHESVILLE, Ark., Dec. 26.—
The tradition that the berries of mis-
tletoe are poisonous has been proven
to be a fact by the death of the three
children of Sam Griffin, near Luxora.
The children ate the berries as they
gathered the greens for Christmas.
They died after twenty-four hours of
horrible suffering.

TAFT AND COLONEL KEEPING IN TOUCH

President and Former Execu-
tive Confer on
Legislation.

It became known at the White House
today that President Taft and former
President Roosevelt, between whom ill
feeling was reported to have existed,
have been in constant communication
since Congress reconvened, and that
they have conferred on many matters
of legislation.
This information came out when the
report that the President had won over
Collector Loeb, of the port of New York,
to his side and had taken him from the
camp of the former President.

The report further intimated that the
President and his predecessor were fur-
ther apart than ever, and that the desig-
nation of Collector Loeb, who was
Roosevelt's private secretary, to be the
chief personal adviser of the President
meant that the present Administration
was fortifying itself for the 1912 cam-
paign in New York State.
No suggestion was forthcoming at the
White House today as to the truthfulness
of the Loeb story, but friends of the
President unhesitatingly declared that
this bill or that bill was the subject of
the correspondence, but they did as-
sert that the fact that there was cor-
respondence, and lots of it, was highly
significant.
It is even said that letters passed be-
tween the President and the Colonel as
soon as once a day. This has been
particularly true since December 1,
when Mr. Taft returned from Panama.
The statement was also made today
by those in close touch with the Presi-
dent that the warmest Christmas greet-
ings had been exchanged between him
and Mr. Roosevelt. It could not be
learned, however, whether or not
Christmas presents had been exchanged.

Mrs. Peabody Struck By Car, Expected to Die

The condition of Mrs. Mary Peabody,
seventy-three years old, who was run
down Saturday night by a Ninth street
car while in company with her husband,
John J. Peabody, former chief of the
Washington Fire Department, is such
that physicians at the Emergency Hos-
pital expect her death at any minute.
It was said this afternoon that she can
live but a few hours longer.
Mr. Peabody, who was also badly in-
jured, is in a serious condition, but the
doctors say he may recover.

Aviator Takes Drop Flying Over Hudson

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Frank Morok,
a Belgian aviator who gained interna-
tional renown as Diavolo, the loop-the-
loop artist, made an unsuccessful at-
tempt today to fly across the Hudson
river in an aeroplane, and landed in
Broadway.
Morok's motors went wrong, and his
machine crashed downward into a tele-
graph wire, which broke the force of the
fall. It was impossible to ascertain at
once how badly Morok had been hurt.

CHILD MEETS DEATH CLASPING NEW DOLL

Seven-Year-Old Lena Trenk-
ler Fatally Burned Ly-
ing in Bed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Sadness reigns
today in the little frame cottage home
of seven-year-old Lena Trenkler, of
Hoffman boulevard and Trotting Course
lane, Elmhurst, L. I. Worn out with
the excitement of Christmas early last
evening, she kissed her grandmother,
who is ninety-one years old, good-night,
and was put to bed in her room, on the
second floor.
A few minutes later the oil stove in
her room exploded, sending the blazing
fluid in a shower about the room. Some
of it fell on the face and hair of the
sleeping child and her doll. The ex-
plosion awakened Lena. She shrieked
with pain and fright, but before she
could stir the flames had suffocated her.
The mother and four older children,
who were on the first floor, heard the
explosion, followed by the girl's cry, but
by the time they reached the stairway
the fire had spread to it and cut off
that avenue of rescue. Upstairs they
could hear the feeble cries of the aged
grandmother, who was on the top floor.
At this moment Patrolman Pettit, of
the Elmhurst station, burst in the front
door. He dashed through the flames up
to the second floor, but was halted at
the door of the child's room by a bar-
rier of fire which made entrance impos-
sible.
He then went to the floor above, and,
seeing old Mrs. Trenkler in his arms,
carried her to safety. Then the firemen
arrived and soon extinguished the blaze.
They found the burned body of little
Lena in her bed, the doll still in her
arms, but burned almost to a cinder.

Shoots Two to Death Who Went to Aid Him

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 26.—Daniel
J. Calhoun, twenty-five years old, and
J. Philip Calhoun, thirty years old, sons
of W. I. Calhoun, a prominent Swain
county farmer, are dead as the result
of a shooting Christmas evening near
Dorset, that county. Oscar Clark,
thirty years old, charged with doing the
shooting, escaped. Clark was shooting
a gun from his porch and yelling, and
the Calhoun boys, thinking Clark want-
ed aid, went to his house. As Dan en-
tered the yard Clark shot him, and,
turning the gun on Philip, put two bul-
lets through his body. Dan died in-
stantly; Philip died this morning. Both
leave families.

Train Turns on Gas; Woman and Cat Die

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Edna May
Simpson is dead today as the result of a
peculiar accident. On a combination gas
and electric chandelier in her room a
wreath of holly was hung yesterday.
Vibration caused by Illinois Central
trains loosened the wreath, and in fall-
ing its weight turned on the gas. Mrs.
Simpson died of asphyxiation. In the
room there was also the body of an
Angora cat, which had been suffocated.

LONE TRAIN BANDIT ELUDES TWO POSSES

Washington Man Wounded
in Hold-up Near Kan-
sas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—The
lone bandit who held up one hundred
passengers on a Missouri Pacific train,
and who wounded Capt. H. L. Newbold,
of Washington, D. C., because the lat-
ter did not obey promptly the robber's
command of "hands up," is being
sought by two posses in the woods sur-
rounding Northwestern Junction today.
Captain Newbold, who was a student
instructor at Ft. Leavenworth and who
formerly was an instructor at West
Point, suffered only a slight wound of
the scalp. The young army officer, how-
ever, had a close call, as the bandit
fired point blank at him when the cap-
tain showed hesitancy in elevating his
hands along with the other helpless
passengers.
It is learned that Captain Newbold,
whose brother, Fleming Newbold, is
connected with a Washington news-
paper, was en route home for the hol-
idays. It was also the young officer's
intention to visit a Washington eye spe-
cialist.

The bandit boarded the train at Leav-
enworth Junction, in the outskirts of
Leavenworth, and after the train had
started, pushed open the door of the
Pullman and confronted the trainmen
and passengers with a revolver.
Warns the Crew.
After robbing them he cut the bell
cord leading to the engine, and cau-
tioned the porter and conductor to keep
still. He went through the car taking
up a Christmas collection of watches
and money, and proceeded to the chair
car and smoker, until he had relieved
every passenger of all the valuables not
nailed down.
By the time the robber had finished
the train had reached Kansas City, Kan.,
and he compelled the porter to
open a door, dropped off at North-
western Junction, and disappeared.

The police and sheriff were notified,
and posses were organized. No trace
was found of the man, who either took
to the woods or came to Kansas City.
The train proceeded to St. Louis, with
the passengers mourning their losses.
The value of the money and watches
and jewelry stolen will not be known
until the passengers file their claims
with the railroad. Captain Newbold,
who was shot when he attempted to
nailed down.

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ANOTHER GUNBOAT SENT TO HONDURAS

Report of Serious Trouble
Stirs Navy Department
to Action.

Following the reports of serious trouble
in Honduras, Secretary of the Navy
Heyer today ordered the gunboat York-
town to start at once from Corinto,
Nicaragua, for Amapala, Honduras.
The official order to the commander
of the gunboat instructed him to "ob-
serve and report upon the conditions ex-
isting on the west coast of Honduras."
Amapala, which for months was the
stronghold of General Valladares, who
is opposed to the government, is be-
lieved to be the central point of the
present activity of Bonilla.
The Yorktown will arrive at Amapala
tomorrow.

Attack Expected At Puerto Cortez

PUERTO CORTAZ, Honduras, Dec.
26.—There is great excitement in this
city over the report which reached here
from New Orleans that Gen. Manuel
Bonilla, with Gen. Lee Christmas
and a party of American filibusters on
board the old American cruiser Hornet,
are expected to attack the city.

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CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR CAPITAL NEEDY AT MISSION HOUSES

Hundreds Are Fed With
Good Things of the
Season.

SHRINERS DISTRIBUTE FOOD AND CLOTHING

Hospitals and Orphan Asylums
Also Well Remembered by
Santa Claus.

How the Capital Observed the Day

Thousands fed at missions and
charitable institutions.

Over six hundred have dinner at
Central Union and Gospel Mis-
sions.

Baskets of food given out at Almas
Temple, Mystic Shrine, and Sal-
vation Army.

Nurses and patients of all hospitals
have special spread.

Children at orphan and foundling
asylums are visited by Santa
Claus.

Old and grizzled and gray; un-
shaven, unkempt, and unfed; ragged
and footsore, 300 of Washington's
"submerged tenth" besieged both the
Central Mission House and the Gospel
Mission about noon today, eager for a
Christmas dinner.
They were all there, young and old
—some looking as if they had just
begun their excursion into the portion
of society which playwrights and
novelists love to designate as the "un-
derworld," and others who had been
born there, lived there and saw noth-
ing before them but the prospect of
dying there. But there were few
downcast ones among them.

The spirit of Christmas, somewhat
dimmed it is true, but still the spirit
of Christmas, was abroad in the world
and a little of it had found its way
into their lives, for were they not to
receive that desideratum of mankind,
that which they craved all year and
obtained so seldom, the Christmas
dinner, the Christmas dinner, the
dinner of existence—a square meal?

Guests of Central Mission.
At the Central Mission, on Louisiana
avenue, the dinner was advertised to
start at noon. Not that it needed
any advertisement for every one who
knew the Mission of old knew that
every year at this time the officers
of the house give a good, substantial
Christmas dinner to all who apply.
A Christmas dinner such as few of
the mean can get anywhere else dur-
ing the year, one with all the trim-
mings of the old home dinner and
with the slogan, "eat all you can,
but remember there are others wait-
ing."

Long before the appointed time the
little room at the back of the house
was filled with the "flood" of the
sam swept up by the tide of society.
Old and young, white and black,
ragged and fairly respectable, all
herded together attracted by their
common impulse of desire for a good
meal.

First Call for Dinner.

Promptly at 12 the big gong in the
lower hall announced that the long
waited for moment had arrived, and
the first installment of men marched
into the assembly hall, where the ta-
bles had been laid.

"Tard, Bill, don't it look like
Heaven?" exclaimed one of the mem-
bers of the "tenth," as he caught
sight of the roast turkeys, the large
bowls of cranberry sauce, the plates
of celery, and the dishes of potatoes
which graced each of the ten tables.
"Yes, it do," replied Bill, "and I'm
going to make a noise like an angel,
too."

After an invocation pronounced by
Superintendent Francis Lukens, the
men were told to "go to it," and they
waited not for further instructions, but
kept the waiters busy piling in the vari-
ous eatables.

The Menu Was Varied.

As a sort of re-enforcement for the
turkey, or, as the superintendent said,
so that the men would not get sick on
unaccustomed diet, large plates of pork
and beans and slices of bread and but-
ter flanked each plate, while coffee was
served as desired.

As fast as one installment would
finish their meal another would be mus-
tered in, while the others went out to
the ante-room to increase the appetite
of the unfed with tales of the good
things to come.

It was nearly 4 o'clock before all the
"hungry 300" had had their fill, and
there was left little of the large amount
of good things which had been in stock
at the commencement of the meal.

Most of the people fed at the Central
Mission, as well as at the Gospel Mis-
sion, were men, although here and there
would appear some woman, accom-
panied by little children, and carrying a
basket, which would be filled with
good things to take home to her family,
for it was thought best not to feed the
men and women in the same room.

Gospel Mission's Dinner.
At the Gospel Mission, 1229 Pennsylv-
ania avenue, practically the same
scene was enacted, except for the fact
that there were no tables laid, but the